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K. T. M. AHAMED IBRAHIM SAHIB BAHADUR :—" Is it not a fact, Sir, that while the role of the Members of the Legislature is said to be only advisory, as a matter of fact the advisory capacity develops into actual interference on account of . . ."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" Let me tell the hon. Member that the original question does not at all deal with the Members of the Legislature being Members of that Committee. If I have allowed some questions, it was because I thought that the public might be interested to know some of these things. But I am afraid too much advantage is being taken of that. When the House discusses the textile policy hon. Members can discuss these things."

Supply of yarn to handloom weavers in Chingleput.

* 152-B *Q*.—SRI C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the handloom weavers in the Chingleput district are suffering very much owing to dearth of yarn;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the yarn supplied are of lower counts of 30s or 40s;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that the weavers in the district required only 60s and 80s;

(*d*) whether the Government propose to make arrangements to get only 60s and 80s of yarn and distribute it where it is mostly required;

(*e*) whether it is a fact that the mill-owners purposely produce lower counts of yarn instead of higher counts in order to make the Government's control ineffective;

(*f*) whether it is a fact that finer counts of foreign yarn are being imported in Madras;

(*g*) whether it is a fact that this foreign yarn is sold at black-market prices;

(*h*) whether there are no means of controlling the prices of such foreign yarn; and

(*i*) whether the Government hope to succeed in their control without controlling the prices of foreign yarn?

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" (*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) The information is not available in the Secretariat and a report is being called for.

"(*d*) The production of finer counts within the Province is very limited and every effort will be made to distribute equitably the available quantity of 60s and 80s among the districts that need them.

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"(e) Finer counts are spun out of imported cotton the prices of which were very high till recently. Certain mills were therefore forced to discontinue spinning of higher counts, as their production was not economical.

"(f) Yes.

"(g) The price of foreign yarn is not controlled.

"(h) At present the Government of India are not in favour of controlling the prices of foreign yarn, apparently because the quantities are not expected to be appreciable.

"(i) As the quantity of imported yarn is very small, its prices will not affect the present scheme of yarn control."

Direct recruitment in the Police department.

* 154 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA RAO:—Will the Hon. the Minister for Food be pleased to state—

(a) how many officers have been directly recruited as Deputy, Assistant and District Superintendents and how many have been promoted from the ranks to the said posts in the Police department in the Presidency recently; and

(b) whether it is a fact that no Andhra has either been recruited directly or promoted from the ranks to the said posts recently?

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN:—"(a) The following are the particulars of officers recruited since 15th August 1947:—

I. Officers directly recruited—		
Deputy Superintendents of Police.	**5**	**Two Andhras.**
Assistant Superintendents of Police.	**7**	**One Andhra.**
District Superintendents of Police.	**..**	**There is no direct recruitment.**
II. Officers promoted—		
Deputy Superintendents of Police.	**49**	**Twelve Andhras.**
Assistant Superintendents of Police.	**..**	**There is no promotion to the rank of Assistant Superintendents of Police.**
District Superintendents of Police.	**25**	**Six Andhras.**

"(b) The answer is in the negative."

SRI M. NARAYANA RAO:—"May I know, Sir, why only one Andhra has been selected as an Assistant Superintendent of Police out of 7?"

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN:—"I do not think, Sir, that this sort of promotions and selections are made on a